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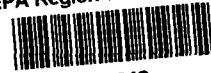


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November 24, 2010

Eileen L. Furey
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Re: Former Plainwell Paper Facility, Plainwell, MI

Dear Eileen:

I wanted to thank you and the others at USEPA and MDEQ for attending the August 31, 2005 meeting in Ann Arbor. As the City indicated at the meeting, this project is extremely vital to our community. The mill has been abandoned since November of 2000 and the continued deterioration of such a large building (and property in general) in our downtown cannot be tolerated. It is our hope that all parties can come together and fulfill their obligations in a safe and expeditious way.

We feel that our informal discussions of the mill property's redevelopment were very helpful, and the City of Plainwell looks forward to further discussions. The City still intends to acquire the property before the end of the year.

We also want to express our thanks to Weyerhaeuser for attending the meeting, and again we look forward to further discussions.

I believe where we left things was that the City's environmental consultant, Steve Kimm of Fishbeck, Thompson Carr & Huber, will be talking with Weyerhaeuser's John Gross, and then the USEPA as they move towards an outline for the scope of work for the mill property remedial investigation. We look forward to participating in that discussion in hopes of moving the remedial investigation along as quickly and efficiently as possible, while still making sure that the property will be safe for redevelopment.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Erik Wilson
City Administrator

cc: Plainwell City Council, Michael B. Ortega, Scott Smith, Shari Kolak, Mark Ducharme, Ron Smedley, Paul Bucholtz, Daria W. Devantier, Jacquie Hejmanowski, Tom Short, Joe Jackowski, John Gross